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RESPONSE "B"

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed June 4, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the claims in view of the amendment and remarks set forth below. Three pages of formal drawings (Figures 1-5) accompany this response.

AMENDMENT